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Man completes 12-mile swim on Lake Charlevoix

Family and friends gather with boats and kayaks

BY KATE DELANEY

On August 8, Frank Minier completed a 12-mile swim on Lake Charlevoix in 10 hours, 31 minutes and seven seconds.

Minier started off his swim from Depot Beach at seven a.m. in the morning and ended it at approximately 5:30 p.m. at Peninsula Park. He added that the distance covered spanned almost the full length of Lake Charlevoix.

Minier swam at a distance of approximately 20 feet away from the drop-off on the shoreline to avoid a current in the middle of the lake.

Boats, Jet Skis, kayaks and paddle boards followed him during the swim. He added that his immediate family was the main support crew, while friends also volunteered to help.

Minier began swimming a few years ago after hearing about British ultra-marathon swimmer Ross Edgley. He started with the triathlon before switching to long-distance swimming to avoid the biking portion. "I felt like it was something that I was good at," he said. "And then I just love being in the water—having that time to myself and being alone with my thoughts."

Minier did a significant amount of training in Lake Charlevoix, including a six-mile swim last summer.



Frank Minier holds the U.S. flag in celebration at Peninsula Park.

This year, he has been training in the ocean at Virginia Beach when he is off duty as a lifeguard.

During the swim, Minier's family provided him with snacks like bananas and yogurt. Danyell Minier, his mom, kept the stock of food on her kayak while paddling next to him. Minier said he would stop every mile and a half to tread water and fuel up.

Between Horton Bay and Young State Park, a deep channel in which a current existed created a serious obstacle for Minier. Frank Minier Sr. said that before this point, the family had not had any doubts due to his son's steady pace. After realizing what was happening, they tried to help him maneuver through it.

"We don't know for

sure, but it looked like for one hour he literally was in an infinity pool swimming in one place," Minier said. Minier ended up swimming four of the miles in that section, thus preventing him from reaching the other side of Lake Charlevoix, by Boyne City.

While Minier had been confident that he would be able to complete the swim, the feeling didn't fully sink in until he had reached the last mile. He said that the new realization brought a little extra power to his stroke, making that last mile split faster than the others.

"It was definitely like, oh, I'm right there, I'm gonna make it," he added.

Minier Sr. encouraged his son to get a photo with the U.S. flag that was brought to the event. He

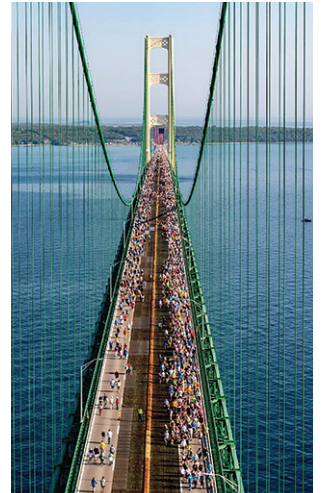
said that while Minier may not have swum the length of the lake, he had still finished the 12 miles like he had set out to do.

Minier described this swim as a steppingstone to prove to himself that he could successfully participate in endurance swimming.

His future goal is to complete the 43.9-mile swim from Mackinac Island to Beaver Island. He added that in 10 years he would like to swim from Detroit to Chicago through the Great Lakes.

But for now, Minier has been reflecting on a milestone achieved.

"It was definitely a great experience and something I will always remember," he said.



Labor Day Bridge Walk

The Annual Labor Day Bridge Walk is soon approaching, and a great tradition to close out the end of the summer of 2024! This popular annual event brings an influx of participation and excitement from guests who travel near and far to visit Mackinaw City and walk the Mackinac Bridge. We look forward to this annual state-wide tradition in the Straits of Mackinac and have included valuable information for you below.

The Annual Mackinac Bridge Walk begins at 7:00 am from either the north end of the Bridge in St. Ignace or from the south end of the bridge in Mackinaw City. The governor's party will start the walk. The bridge will be closed to public traffic from 6:30 am to noon on Labor Day, Monday, September 2nd to accommodate the bridge walk.

This year we are thrilled to have the owner/broker of EXIT Realty Premier, Roger Kopernik, as our emcee in Mackinaw City. Make sure to let him know if you have a birthday, anniversary, or another milestone that you are celebrating. Just before we count down to start the walk, we are fortunate to have vocalist, Sharolyn Metternich, a local Mackinaw City resident sing the National Anthem.

Labor Day Bridge Walk Crossing Options

- Starting from either end of the bridge and walking toward the center, turning around at the midpoint, and returning to the city they started from, where their transportation is located.
- The turnaround points will move toward the ends of the bridge beginning at 10 am, but walkers can walk at least a portion of the

WALK
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SATURDAY



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SUNDAY



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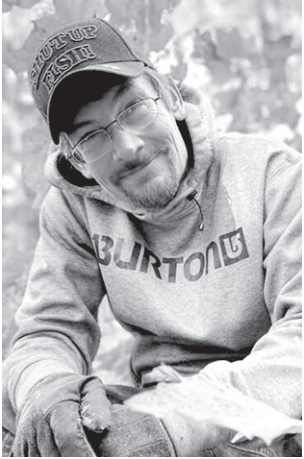


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OBITUARIES



Jeremy Allan Grutsch, 48

June 9, 1976 - Aug. 17, 2024

EAST JORDAN

Jeremy Allan Grutsch passed away at his home near East Jordan, surrounded by his family.

He was born on June 9, 1976, in Charlevoix, the son of James Duane and Nancy Louise (Olson) Grutsch. He grew up mostly up Boyne City.

He was very interested in geology. He loved his rocks. He also enjoyed fishing, golfing and picking mushrooms.

Jeremy is survived by five children, Jasmine Grutsch of Mancelona, Alison Grutsch of Gaylord, Matthew Grutsch of Mancelona, Alexander Grutsch of Marion and Jayden Grutsch of Gaylord; his father, James D. Grutsch of East Jordan; his mother, Nancy L. (Dennis) DeNise of East Jordan; one grandfather, Gerald (Carol) Olson of East Jordan; three sisters, Jennifer (Dean Burkett)

DeNise of Frederick, Maryland, Kimberly (Adam) Handwerk of Traverse City and Donna (David) Dyer of East Jordan; one niece and three nephews. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Doris and Carl Grutsch; and grandmother, Nancy Olson.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held on Saturday, August 31, 2024, from 2:00 to 6:00 P.M. at 9221 Graham Road, East Jordan, MI 49727.

Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan, with interment at the Morehouse Cemetery, just up the hill from his childhood home.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, August 25 from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. at the funeral home.

Those wishing to make a memorial donation can contribute to the American Legion Post 227 in support of our veterans.

A complete obituary will follow.

Jordan River, mushroom hunting in the woods and drinking a cold beer with his family and friends around a bonfire.

Alan will be forever missed by all who loved him.

A celebration of life on Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at 7552 Rogers Road, East Jordan, MI 49727.

David Earl Henning, 80

Aug. 18, 1943 - Aug. 17, 2024

BOYNE FALLS

David Earl Henning of Boyne Falls passed away at his home on August 17, 2024.

Full obituary to come. A memorial mass officiated by Father Dennis Stilwell will be on August 23, 2024 at 11:00 AM at St. Augustine Catholic Church. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM and burial will follow mass at St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City.

James I. Burns, 85

April 2, 1939 - Aug. 16, 2024

BOYNE CITY

James I. Burns of Boyne City passed away at his home on August 16, 2024. Son of James Burns and

Delores (Gould) Zaremski, James was born on April 2, 1939 in Boyne City. He grew up in Boyne City and attended Boyne City Public Schools.

On August 31, 1957, he married Sonia Robinson in Boyne City. This month they celebrated 67 years of marriage.

James worked many jobs and was a carpenter that operated his own business working on residential homes.

James loved animals and participated in 4-H with his family. He also loved watching NASCAR.

He was a hardworking, family man. He loved spending time with his family and fostered 35 children with Sonia. For Christmas he loved dressing up as Santa Claus for their grandchildren. He also hid easter eggs for Easter. James also had a great sense of humor.

James was a member of the United Methodist Church of Boyne Falls.

He was also supported the Wounded Warriors Project.

He is survived by his loving wife Sonia Burns; his children Rob of Indian River, Michigan, Mary of Indian River, John of Dearborn, Michigan, Angie of Gaylord, Michigan, Danielle Burns of Indian River, and Josh Burns of Marquette, Michigan; his grandchildren Andrew (Amanda) Burns of Alanson, Michigan, Alex (Melissa) Burns of Boyne City, Alyssa (Austin) Pineda of Jackson, Michigan, Aimee (David) Klevorn of Holt, Michigan, and Marissa Burns of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and his 12 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents James Burns and Delores Zaremski; and his sister Sally Clute.

Those wishing to make a charitable donation in James's memory are asked by family to consider 4-H.

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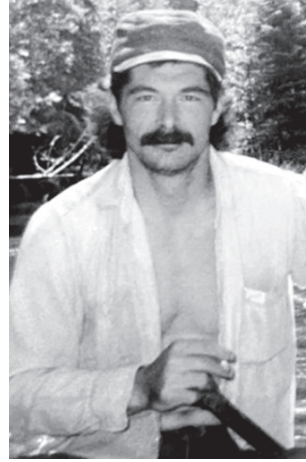
Bradley E. Derenzy, 78

Dec. 5, 1945 - Aug. 19, 2024

GAYLORD (FORMERLY FROM EAST JORDAN)

Bradley Derenzy passed from this world peacefully at his home in Gaylord on Monday, August 19, 2024, more than 3 years after developing symptoms of advanced colon cancer.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, August 26, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. at



Alan Lee Murphy, 68

Aug. 6, 1955 - Dec. 31, 2023

EAST JORDAN

Alan Lee Murphy of East Jordan passed away quietly at his home surrounded by his loved ones on December 31, 2023.

Alan was a good man who loved his family and friends, and enjoyed being a father, brother, son, grandfather, uncle and friend.

His biggest joys were spending time outdoors enjoying ice fishing on the lake, canoeing on the

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Pictured above are: Assistant Chief Dan Mercer, Officer Kyle Wagenschutz, and Chief Kevin Spate.

Say 'Hello' To Officer Wagenschutz

Boyne City's newest police officer, Kyle Wagenschutz, graduated from the Grand Valley State University Police Academy on August 8, 2024.

Kyle was sworn in as a Boyne City Police Officer to begin the field training program. He will work alongside Boyne City officers for a few months where he will receive additional training.

The Boyne City Police Department sponsored Kyle through the police academy with all academy expenses paid for with funds from the Michigan Public Safety Academy Assistance Program.

When you see Officer Wagenschutz, please congratulate him and welcome him to the Boyne City community.

BY JOHN KEYSER

Annie Oosthuizen and Sarah Van Horn each recommended that I write about Sarah Elgart's community leadership, and I myself had the same idea as I knew her from Leadership Charlevoix County and Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce.

Sarah is originally from Metropolitan Detroit, really grew up in Gaylord. She started college at Grand Valley, then transferred to Central Michigan and majored in Business Administration. She began her career in real estate administration, and she obtained her real estate license.

A few years ago, she moved up to Charlevoix as she loves the outdoors. She continued real estate administration with a firm in Harbor Springs, but in time she began feeling a little lost, realizing that real estate is not her passion. A friend recommended that she apply for a position with our Chamber of Commerce. Apply she did, and was accepted. Very thankfully!

Sarah is a thinker and a doer. She has done a lot for our community since

COMMUNITY LEADER

SARAH ELGART

WE CAN EACH MAKE A DIFFERENCE



SARAH ELGART

meeting to run Thursday mornings, followed with coffee and doughnuts, and also a Thursday a month evening run.

Sarah is an active volunteer with our Charlevoix Food Pantry and is on the Board of Friends of Charlevoix Public Library. Sarah loves living here and our people in our special community. As mentioned, she loves being outdoors, running, hiking, camping, snowboarding, and similar activities.

I asked Sarah about messages she'd like out to our community, which are:

We all need to step up, to volunteer, to help others (and doing so is rewarding, though that is not our reason)

Be a continual learner. We don't know what we don't know

We can each make a difference, and even a small difference matters

Don't wait for someone else to do it

Sarah loves being a part of our community and wanting to help out in all the ways as she can. She is a leader with humility and she is full of positive energy, only positive energy!

she has been here, and her contributions will only continue to increase.

As mentioned, Sarah was a member of Leadership Charlevoix County (LCC), the class of 2024, which was a great class, leaders for sure, who will make positive impacts going forward. She says this leadership program has made an important difference for her, forcing her out of her comfort zone, getting

to know so many great people, classmates and key people with key nonprofits and institutions doing critically important work throughout our county.

Her personal leadership plan as part of LCC was the creation of a running club.

She herself is a runner, values how it helps her feel. She realized there was no running club here, and she wanted to help beginners. The club is a success, now

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Northwest Jobs for Michigan's Graduates

Local Youth Employment Program Receives Statewide Honors

The Northwest Jobs for Michigan's Graduates program was recently honored by Youth Solutions, a statewide youth-serving organization that provides Michigan's youth with career-focused education. In total, the local program received thirteen awards, both for individual team members and for the program as a whole.

On July 24-26, Youth Solutions held a conference for the Jobs for Michigan's Graduates (JMG) specialists and managers across the state.

The following individuals were honored:

Rising Star Award:

Josh Todd

Living Our Values - Collaboration:

Laura Quist

Living Our Values - Leadership:

Tracy Beckley

Living Our Values - Excellence:

Kim Benz
Cathy Schanski

JMG Influencer:

Lisa Baldyga

Reaching 6 of 6 (goals) for alternative programs:

Lisa Baldyga
Kim Benz
LeAnne Bush
Marc Svatora
Josh Todd

Reaching 6 of 6 (goals) for out of school programs:

Kim Benz
Tracy Beckley

Networks Northwest:

6 of 6 Affiliate Recognition (for out of school and alternative programs).

The program also received the highly esteemed

"Team of Teams" Award.

The "Team of Teams" award description reads "In recognition of their agility and leadership within their own programs, and their unwavering support for one another, all in service of positively impacting the youth in their community."

Tracy Beckley, one of the Directors of Youth Services, states, "Each person on our Youth Services Team is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of our communities' youth through career exploration, mentoring, and support. I am extremely proud of all the JMG Specialists for the work they do in helping students reach their goals. It is an honor for our team, and individual team members, to receive these accolades

from Youth Solutions!"

Northwest Jobs for Michigan's Graduates is a program of Networks Northwest, in affiliation with Northwest Michigan Works!. JMG Specialists work in collaboration with schools and career tech programs to bring soft skills training, career awareness and planning, and leadership experiences to youth throughout the ten-county region.

For more information about the program, see www.nwm.org/jmg.

Northwest Michigan Works! is the leading workforce development agency serving job seekers and employers in the Northwest Lower Michigan counties of Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT Single Motor Vehicle Pedestrian Accident, 8/19/2024

On August 19th 2024 at approximately 12:20pm Boyne City Police Officers were dispatched to a single motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian on State Street (M75 N) just east of the N. East Street intersection.

The driver, of a full-sized Dodge Ram pick-up truck, was identified as a 25 year old male resident of Grand Rapids. The injured pedestrian, was identified as a 78 year old male resident of Boyne City.

Preliminary accident investigation findings have revealed that a pedestrian, attempting to cross State St. (M75 N) outside of the designated crosswalk, was struck head-on by a motor vehicle. Boyne City EMS and Fire Department personnel responded to the scene to render immediate aid. The pedestrian was transported to an area hospital where he later succumbed to the injuries sustained by the accident.

The driver of the Dodge pick-up truck was wearing his seatbelt and had no reported injuries. The driver was not suspected of impairment, reckless, or distracted motor vehicle operation. However, standard

roadside sobriety evaluations were administered and toxicology samples taken, from all parties involved, and submitted for analysis.

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Accident Investigators were called to the scene to aid in the investigation. Additionally, Boyne City Police Department drones were deployed to capture aerial images of the crash scene for reconstruction purposes.

The crash remains under investigation pending the results of lab tests and final reports from accident investigators.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the family members and friends who suffered a tragic loss yesterday. In the interest of safety, we encourage all citizens and visitors, of the City of Boyne City, to use designated crosswalks which increase pedestrian visibility significantly for approaching motorists, when traversing across roadways, from any of our vast trail systems, green spaces, or maintained walkways. Together, we want to ensure the safety for all and prevent accidents before they happen.

Boyne City awarded 16 new trees from ReLeaf Michigan and DTE Energy Foundation

Volunteers needed Saturday, September 7

BOYNE CITY – Re-Leaf Michigan, a statewide non-profit tree planting organization, and the DTE Energy Foundation, in collaboration with Boyne City will plant 16 new trees at Boyne City – City Hall on Saturday, September 7th. ReLeaf Michigan and Boyne City are looking for volunteers to help with the planting.

These trees will add to the Open Space, and provide shade in Maple Lawn Cemetery and along the parking lot at Peninsula Beach.

Volunteers are asked to wear closed-toe shoes and comfortable clothing and bring a shovel, hard rake, and work gloves if they have them. The group will meet at 8:45 a.m. at 319 N Lake St, Boyne City, to sign in, enjoy

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refreshments, and watch a planting demonstration with ReLeaf Michigan's tree experts.

The event occurs rain or shine. No planting experience is necessary. Join us for the morning and leave an environmental legacy that will add to the beauty of your community for generations. Families are welcome.

The DTE Foundation awarded ReLeaf Michigan funding for 2024 to plant a minimum of twenty trees in 15 communities throughout Michigan.

Trees provide incredible benefits to the communities in which they are planted.

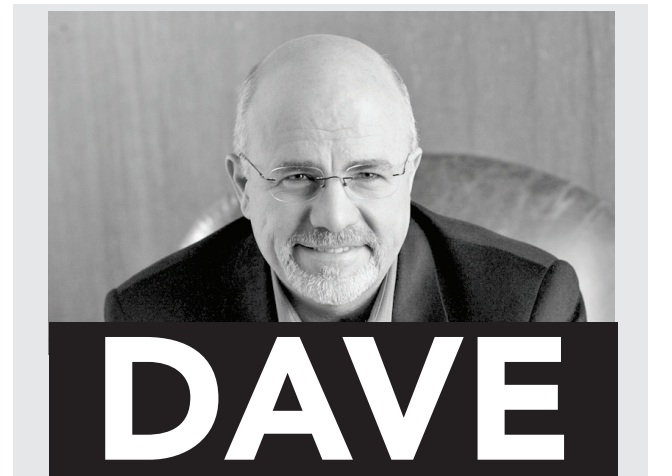
Trees improve air and water quality, reduce stormwater runoff, improve mental wellness, reduce



childhood asthma rates, cool our neighborhoods, and enhance commercial and economic vitality.

ReLeaf Michigan, a 36-year-old non-profit organization, partners with communities statewide to replenish community tree canopies through volunteer tree planting events.

Questions should be directed to Gow Litzenburger at 231-838-4414 or treefriend@att.net



DAVE Says...

By Dave Ramsey

Don't Crack the Foundation

Dear Dave,
Do you think it's a good idea for a small business, one that's very young but growing, to seek out investors?
—Trey

Dear Trey,
My advice to someone in this position is to grow their business with organic cash. That may sound like a fancy phrase, but it just means you earn the money with which you'll grow. This may mean growing a little bit slower, and it might even mean passing on a few "big deals" you thought were going to be the best things ever to happen to you and your business. But you want to know something? That's okay. I've turned down plenty of deals like that over the years, and it's left me firmly convinced it's better to be the tortoise than the hare.
Think about this. When you sell a piece of your ownership to people who are looking for a return, instead of caring about your dream, you're creating the potential for a big mess. A lot of times, these folks will seem like silent partners—which is an oxymoron in small business. They might even present themselves that way in the beginning. But the truth is most people who've put money into

your business won't keep silent. They're all going to have different opinions and ideas, and there's a strong possibility these are going to clash at some point with the vision you have for your company.

In short, I would not recommend a fledgling small business, even one that's doing well, to seek out investors. Period. Cash flow your growth, Trey. Cash flow your equipment purchases, and the markets you enter, also. Does this mean you might miss a good opportunity here and there? Sure, it does. But it also means you'll be missing opportunities to fail. Too much success too soon is one of the biggest reasons why small businesses shut down. When you grow too quickly, you run the risk of outgrowing your financial resources, your infrastructure and your human resources.

Do what you can to ensure growth is steady, but play it smart. Don't grow so fast that you crack the foundation of your company.

— Dave

Leadership and small business expert Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored eight national bestselling books, including *EntreLeadership*, and is a host of *The Ramsey Show* and *The Entrepreneur Podcast*.

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PETOSKEY – This is the Water is Life Festival's sixth year of celebrating water through music, art and educational experiences.

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We have a youth area for our future land and water stewards where we will once again have a visit from North Sky Raptor's and live birds of prey that come and share some teaching moments with our young people.

Other activities for our free family friendly event

include free rides on a 20ft. canoe in and around the Bear River and some great local Food trucks.

We also host a **Friday Night Feast/potluck** to thank all of our sponsors, supporters and volunteers. To be held at Lost Tamarack Lodge at 11848 Warren Road, Wolverine. **Feast & Potluck from 6pm-8pm.**

Live music to follow featuring **Jessica Dominic** and local band **Sugarbush** from 8pm until. Weekend camping available at Lost Tamarack land base with activities on Sunday, September 1, 2024. Come and meet and greet and enjoy the bonfire!

For more information visit our website: www.waterislife festival.org

LEADERSHIP

Intentional Listening Is Key To Successful Leadership

BY JOHN KEYSER

Conversations and developing and maintaining relationships are foundations of highly effective leadership.

Happy and inspired teammates work hard and want to do well for themselves, for their team, and for their organization. They are more devoted and loyal to their organization and their leader, which means significantly higher productivity.

Being a good listener means so very much. It is the foundation of effective leadership and to our relationships in our business and personal lives.

Active listening is having a clear mind, not judging the other person, and not thinking about what we're going to say when the speaker is finished. It requires that we quiet our mind, which is not easy.

Most of us listen with a problem-solving mind, "Oh, I know what she should do." We are not really focused. Well, maybe we're focused on ourselves and not on the speaker.

Effective and successful listening is intentional. This means we want to listen effectively so that we understand the speaker, including what she is saying and maybe what she is not saying, as well as her feelings.

Ideally, we can reflect back to the person what we are hearing. Also, if appropriate, we take notes, which lets the person know we appreciate their thoughts and ideas.

The very best conversations and relationships involve our intentional listening – listening to learn, with a clear and quiet mind, not simply waiting our turn to speak.

Intentional listening is



John Keyser

a gift of respect to others, which will be appreciated and will improve our relationships.

My invitation to all of us is to decide we will develop improved listening skills. When I did, I entered conversations in business and with family and friends with the intent of listening with a quiet mind, focused solely on the other person, not on my own thoughts.

Afterwards, I would take a minute or so to observe how I did. Did I listen effectively?

How did I feel? How did I feel I was received?

What effect did my listening have on the other person? I knew when I listened well, and I knew when I could have been better.

These self-observation practices definitely help improve the quality of our listening.

Intentional listening is key to highly effective leadership!

John and his wife, Kerry, live in Charlevoix, was a senior executive in the corporate world in NYC, Chicago and DC, then founded Common Sense Leadership, a leadership coaching and consulting practice, helping senior people in the business, academic, and religious worlds improve leadership, their own and their team's. John is a graduate of Georgetown's Institute for Transformational Leadership and Life Purpose Institute. Kerry teaches at St. Mary School in Charlevoix and heads Encounter School of Ministry, Charlevoix campus.

Build for the Future connects local people to local careers

PETOSKEY – Education and jobs go hand in hand. Drive around Northern Michigan and you can see all the construction taking place and "we are hiring" signs. There never seems to be enough workers to fill all the jobs. Locally based Build for the Future (BFF) helps pave the way for careers in construction and trades in Northwest Michigan for those getting out of high school and young adults looking for a career path.

Started in 2020, BFF works with schools, employers and the surrounding community to help young people explore careers in the construction field and related businesses. Co-op programs, managed by the Char-Em Intermediate School District have particularly helped local students learn about jobs while still in high school.

"We have numerous local contractors and suppliers that work with the building trades instructors to bring students to job sites to explore career opportunities," said Janet Chambers, project manager with Build for the Future. "In the last year, I have talked to school counselors, high school students and building trades students letting them know about the many local jobs available right out of high school with companies."

Build for the Future's website details the many kinds of careers in construction, provides an up-to-date list of local contractors that are willing to train those coming from high school, and even lists Michigan scholarships focused on construction and the trades. "Co-ops, apprenticeships, and on-the-job training are all forms of education," notes Fernanda Dau Fisher of the Robert Jensen Dau Foundation, the organization funding Build for the Future.

"Covid hit this community hard and we are trying to find ways to help young



Janet Chambers, project manager of Build for the Future, attends many local shows to promote jobs in the construction industry in Northern Michigan.



people find good career options here at home. Our goal with BFF is to connect students and young adults with the resources they need to find a career that will provide a living wage and a future here in Northern Michigan."

The Robert Jensen Dau Foundation was established by the late Robert J. Dau, who was a co-owner of the Michigan Maple Block Company in Petoskey until the 1980's.

Local contractors Wentworth Builders, Corble Builders and McBride Homes are just some of the local companies that have hired students coming out of the local high school building trades programs. One employee at McBride Homes is now a project manager at age 25 after honing construction and management skills working on the job.

Wentworth Builders, a custom residential builder in Harbor Springs, has made great strides in connecting with students from the local building trades programs. "We have hired four students from local high schools who were in



Patrick MacDonald landed a construction job right out of high school with Corble Builders of Petoskey.

the building trades programs. They are bright and capable employees who are learning construction techniques and working with our team. One of our hires came from the Petoskey Building Trades program and he is already working as a site supervisor. We provide job site visits for local building trades programs and on-the-job training for the next generation of builders," said Scott Carbeck from Wentworth.

Anyone looking for a job in the construction industry is welcome to review the list of contractors willing to train new employees listed on the BFF website. Students still in school can contact their high school counselors for information on job shadowing.

For other details, please visit www.Build4thFuture.com or contact Janet Chambers at info@build4thefuture.com.

BOYNE CITY MARINA PERMIT UPDATE

The City of Boyne City has applied to the State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, Water Resources Division, Gaylord District Office for a permit under authority of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA).

The applicant proposes to revise an existing marina

to provide a total of 84 boat slips, no mooring buoys, and 343 linear feet of broadside dockage.

To accomplish this, the applicant proposes to remove two existing floating main docks, associated finger docks, and seven floating wave attenuators; to replace two concrete abutments attached to floating docks; to install a replacement seawall; and to place 40 cubic yards of rock

riprap in an area along the toe of the seawall.

Also proposed is the installation of the following docks: "A, B, C, D and E" docks. Install five 25' by 3' finger docks, one 30' by 5' finger dock, two 25' by 5' finger docks, one 25' by 3' finger dock, and four 30' by 3' finger docks to create 26 boat slips. The project is located in T33N, R06W, Section 35, Boyne City, Charlevoix County,

Michigan, in accordance with plans attached to this notice.

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Boyne City's Annual Pirate Festival Puts On A Show Despite Weather

Event draws a crowd of all ages

KATE DELANEY

On Friday, August 9, Boyne City was invaded by pirates for the sixth annual time.

The festival began on August 8 with a pirate queen and princess pageant from six to ten p.m. in the entertainment tent, where Jennifer Clasman was crowned queen.

On Friday evening, an armada of 40 participating pirates circled around Lake Charlevoix and landed at Boyne City amidst canon fire. It was comprised of people on paddle boards, pontoon boats, the Little Traverse Bay Ferry and the Madeline. The latter was a 92-foot-tall reconstruction of the 19th-century Schooner and has been Michigan's official tall ship, according to Tall Ships America.

Pirates flooded the docks and were joined by more from land, Roger Coates, a member of the festival's board of directors, said. They were greeted by Tom Petrie, who played the role of the tax collector for the governor of Charlevoix County.

After the pirates said they were honest merchants of trade, Petrie gave them the keys to the city, which they promptly took over.

The Little Traverse Bay Ferry took people on cruises around Lake Charlev-

oix most of the weekend, except for a short pause due to weather, Coates said. The Madeline was also scheduled to give tours, but heavy winds kept it docked until Sunday afternoon.

Coates added that over 500 pirates and civilians came through to view the ship.

Saturday began with a pirate parade that traveled down Lake Street and ended at Veteran's Park.

It was followed by a Cap'n Kid's Fair, which featured a treasure hunt, face painting and juggling.

Different activities took place from noon through dusk, including a river raft tour hosted by Jordan Valley Outfitters on the Boyne River. Vignettes of skeletons, games and natural scenery gave viewers a "Treasure Island" experience.

Buskers performed mostly around the main tent, as opposed to last year, when they were spread out across Boyne City, Petrie said. Known by his stage name Tommy Tropic, Petrie is a performer who has broken three Guinness World records that involve juggling.

Scott MacKenzie, the festival president, said that it was Petrie who had first suggested collaborating for a local pirate festival. After initially declining the offer, MacKenzie had a change of heart when he stopped



Local residents participate in pirate impersonations, standing next to the Madeline, a 19th-century style schooner.

PHOTOS BY: KATE DELANEY

by St. Augustine with his family on vacation.

"I'm sitting at a restaurant bar, and a guy sits down next to me in a full-fledged pirate outfit," he said. "What the heck?"

After hearing about how that man had traveled to come down to the local pirate festival, MacKenzie and his wife took part in the extravaganza and decided to bring the tradition back to Boyne City in 2018.

The story that the Boyne City Pirate Festival is based on starts with a bona fide pirate named Sadie the Goat, MacKenzie said. She worked in the waterways of New York and would headbutt drunk men coming out of bars to get their money. After a while, she got together a posse and commandeered a ship.

They added a bit of legend to the story by saying that Sadie the Goat sailed up the Great Lakes and into Lake Charlevoix to bury her treasure in Boyne City, thus drawing pirates for the festival.

Coates said that it rained the whole day, but whenever there was a break in the drizzle, people would come out of the various tents to join events.

The main event center tent ended up catching 30 mile-per-hour gusts like a ship sail, and Coates said



Tom Petrie (right) gives orders as the Charlevoix County Governor's tax collector in the pirate reenactment.

they had to hold on to it at certain points.

"It was nice to see that people were hanging around," he said. "They wanted to be a part of it; they just didn't want to get wet."

At 3 p.m., a reenactment of "The Battle of the Boyne River" took place.

MacKenzie said that the townsfolk of Boyne City gathered together to make speeches at the Old City Park. Following that,

they marched down the riverwalk with pitchforks and torches to confront the pirates in a choreographed battle. Sword fights and tumbling activities ended with town citizens defeating the pirates before the tax collector pardoned all participants.

The Boyne City Pirate Festival is a nonprofit organization that has focused on family fun and giving back to organizations to promote healthy water systems in

Lake Charlevoix, the Boyne River and the East Jordan River, Coates said.

They additionally gave their first \$1000 scholarship to a high school graduate planning on majoring in environmental studies. Coates said that they want to broaden that scholarship to include all high schools around Lake Charlevoix.

Despite the rain, Boyne City pirates made sure to raise a shout for their kin this August.



Pirate spirit was visible everywhere in Boyne City on August 8-9.

ASK LAURA

YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

Four Steps That Can Shape Your Life

Dear Readers, this week I want to pass along four transformative steps from my mentor, Justin.

After a magazine interview about his success journey, Justin was asked, "How did you do it?" His response was simple, yet powerful—four steps that shaped his life...

1. Read: The books you read shape who you become. There's a huge gap in income between top CEOs and the average worker—319 to 1. It's interesting to note that the average worker has read one book since high school, while top CEOs read 60 books per year.



Laura Jasurda

2. Listen to inspiring information:

The word "inspire" means to pour life into. Jim Rohn says, "Weeds grow automatically—flowers of the mind must be nurtured." Tony Robbins suggests

using NET time (No Extra Time) to listen to audio-books and inspiring content during daily routines like driving, exercising, or brushing your teeth.

3. Surround yourself with great people:

We are the average of the ten people we spend the most time with.

Seek out those who are already achieving what you aspire to and let their influence elevate you.

4. Apply what you learn:

Knowledge without action is just potential. The power lies in doing.

Take what you've read, listened to, and learned from others, and put it into practice.

By focusing on these four steps, Justin turned his life around, despite starting with many obstacles. Reflect on how these steps can impact your own life and consider which one you can start applying today.

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Moms & Tots and the Miracle of the 100,000 Diapers

SUBMITTED BY: SANDY MILES

The miracle begins with a dream in the little village of Ellsworth MI, population 483 in the 2000 census, a dream of helping young mothers. The Good Samaritan Family Services Board of directors had looked for areas of need that were not being met. There was an ever-growing number of teen pregnancies and young women entering motherhood at a very young age. Further, it was discovered that the need for care for these moms was not just Ellsworth, but East Jordan, Charlevoix, Boyne, Mancelona, Alden, and parts beyond. Could such a small group, a small village make a difference? The answer is a resounding yes, and the details are amazing.

Moms & Tots was started in the "little blue house" on Main Street donated by the Christian Reformed Church in Ellsworth. Volunteers from the community painted, carpeted and furnished a welcoming, cozy place for the moms to come. The ministry grew, and mothers, and fathers, and grandmothers, and aunts and uncles, came and kept coming. The little house began to bulge at the seams.

In 2008 Good Samaritan contracted with the Building Trades department at Charlevoix High School to build a new building. Forty students built the new facility in the space behind the high school. Land was donated by Jerroll and Marilyn Drenth (7 acres) at 9100 Pleasant Hill Rd in Ellsworth. Truckloads of soil was brought in, a foundation was built, and a new building and era was ushered in.

2017 began a new chapter to the building, with the addition of a father's resource center, a community room, a woodworking shop in an addition again build by the Charlevoix trades. The miracle of a place for ministry was answered several times over.

Clients began coming to Moms and Tots that first year of operation with 37 moms. In 2002 – 2003, an exciting year of growth, 140 clients come under a variety of circumstances, some with overwhelming problems. In 2006 active clients are 261 covering 9 communities, the resource closet jumped to 825 visit. Moms & Tots is now widely accepted as a vital link in the services that are offered to needy moms in our area.

By the time our first ten years had passed in 2011 Moms & Tots was serving over 400 mothers and from 800 to 1200 children who visit the center multiple times each year. Our families come from more than 11 communities including Charlevoix, East Jordan, Central Lake, Boyne City, Ellsworth, Bellaire and Mancelona. Since 2011 Moms & Tots numbers have remained in the 400-600 client visit range, with over 1000 children each year. The second miracle of finding a way to serve the community was answered.

When you walk into



Family Center



Little Blue House

Moms & Tots you will find children playing happily with their siblings and/or other children. Volunteers playing with children or holding a sleeping baby. Moms talking with other moms, moms spending time with Gayle or some of the other volunteers, building relationships. When a client enters Moms & Tots, they find compassionate counseling and assistance. Moms and children are encouraged to sit down and talk about the joys and concerns of their lives. We treat each client with love and respect, and every client who walks through the door becomes part of our family no matter where in the state they are from and what their circumstances are.

The Clients visit our Resource Closet once a month. They receive clothing, diapers, formula, and other essentials. Clients can participate in an Earn While You Learn Program that awards credits to earn baby equipment while you learn from education videos covering a wide range of topics about baby care, discipline, healthy eating, etc. These young moms and dads carry a huge weight of responsibility. Many of our moms and dads have a mentor to come alongside to guide, to be a friend, and offer perhaps a new way of living and addressing problems.

A client writes about her Moms & Tots experience, "The first time I went I was leery. Would I be judged because I was overcoming addiction. To my surprise, I didn't get any of that. I was welcomed with open arms and able to meet the needs of my two young children and had a safe place to go and just talk. Moms & Tots were a big part in not only helping me provide for my kids, but also an encouraging factor in my recovery."

Along with the resources provided Moms & Tots offers many other opportunities throughout the year for our families. They have included money workshops setting financial goals, creating a spending plan. Understanding credit and making good financial decisions; food preparation workshops; self-care workshops; infant CPR workshops, along with a myriad of others. There are also family and volunteer taco nights, movie nights, and game nights. In 2017 operation warm coat, where 200 plus warm coats were handed out, and have been every year since

Willing to Wait, a

nationally accredited program taught by certified instructors in participating local schools was added to the Moms & Tots ministry in 2013. The message is simple, each student is valuable, and the decision (willing to wait) is the best chance for their health and future. We ask the students to dig deep over seven sessions they are given important, medically accurate information and through various instructional activities and games learn how to practice healthy habits, to resist per pressure and to show respect for themselves. Beyond physical impact, we discuss emotional impact like depression and guilt. The third miracle of programing and resources was answered and continues to be answered.

All the services and resources at Moms & Tots require volunteers and donors. Our volunteers are from all walks of life with a myriad of skills, some are experts at resumes, and academics, some are experts at childcare and home care, some are experts at canoodling the kids. All are experts in their heart and desire to come alongside our Northern Michigan families, whatever their makeup and be there for the road to success.

Donors are an integral part of Moms & Tots. Donors make the resource closet happen; they make other programming happen. They are the ones providing the tangible so that Moms & Tots can provide both the seen and unseen in changing lives, making a difference. Fund raising events happen several times during the year for Moms & Tots. In the spring we have a Baby Bottle campaign to collect donations, and in the fall we have a fund raising



Garden Harvest



Playground

event. This years event is a "Family Fun'd Fest" coming up September 7, where there is a family carnival right on the grounds of the facility in Ellsworth. The fourth miracle of workers and funding has been answered each year.

This past year we served 150 clients (65 of them being new clients), helped over 1,000 children, and facilitated over 600 total client visits! These families are from 20 area communities, covering 7 counties. Our amazing volunteers contributed over 1,400 hours of their time.

Thanks to our supporters, our education goals continue to be a priority. Life Skills Classes are in full swing, and our Healthy Relationship Classes continue to be taught in our local schools. In 2023 we constructed a Learning



Garden Going In

Playground which provides yet another way for us to build connections with our families. We have also received grant money and placed raised bed vegetable gardens on-site. Our client families planted the seeds, are harvesting vegetables, and are trying new vegetables. This fall there will be a Food Preservation Class using our produce. This

empowers our families to thrive The continuing miracle; a small community, but large hearts, over 100,000 bottoms diapered, hundreds of families cared for. With your help we impact the lives of so many in our area. Working together we make a difference. Many thanks for prayer, your donations, your time and energy.

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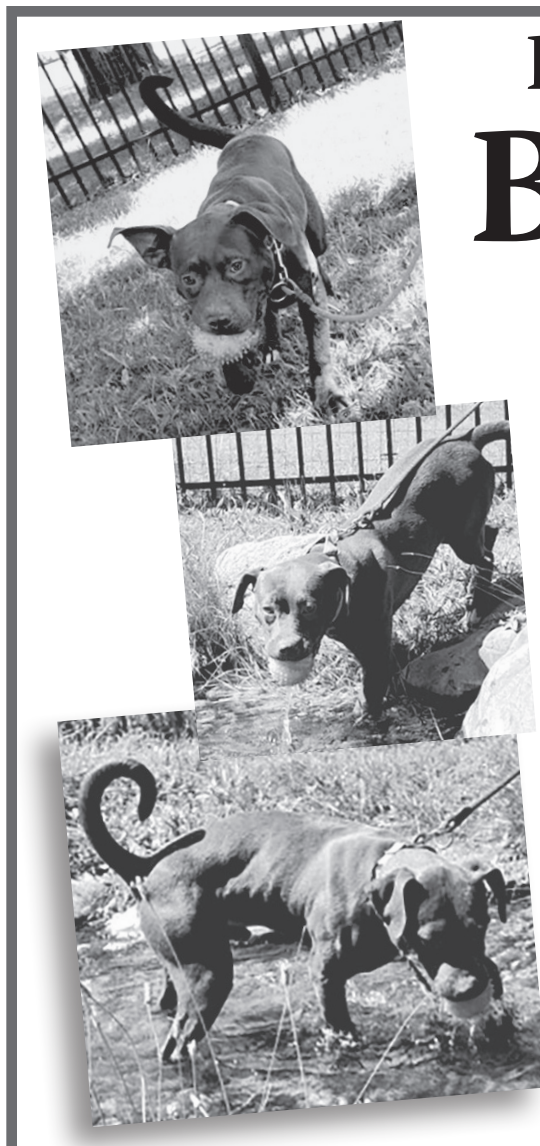
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PET OF THE WEEK BENNETT

Hi guys, I'm Bennett!! As you can probably see from my pictures, I just love toys!! You'll always find me with a toy in my mouth, they are so awesome! I'm about 9 months old and still have my puppy energy in case you hadn't noticed. Everything just makes me so excited! Sometimes I just get so excited that I can't control myself and my lack of manners comes out during those times.... I'm trying so hard to work on it though. I bet having my very own human would really help me learn to be my best self.

I found my way here from the streets of Saginaw with my brother Jett, and I must say, I like it much better here. I love to go for walks with the volunteers that stop by and I've heard them say that I do pretty good on a leash... whatever that means. I also do pretty well at keeping my kennel nice and clean and I'm totally open to the idea of being housetrained. I just know that I will grow up to be a "good boy" with the right person who can be patient with me!



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CHARLEVOIX JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY (JATL)

Wednesdays in July & August from 7 – 8pm
The Library is excited to continue hosting Jazz at the Library (JATL) this summer as it has for many years past, featuring the Steve Stargardt Trio with Andy Evans, bass; Jon Lindeneau, drums; and Steve Stargardt, piano. August 21: Family & Friends JATL is sponsored by the Dion Family Charitable Fund, Melvy Lewis, Bobbie Rassiour Williams - in memory of Bob Williams, Lynne and Mason Rosenthal, and Patrons of JATL

MACKINAW CITY CORVETTE CROSSROADS AUTO SHOW

The 35th Annual Corvette Crossroads Auto Show takes place on Saturday, August 24th. We are looking forward to another exciting event this year for all Vette enthusiasts. Over 200 Corvettes will be on display in the parking lots of Mackinac Island Ferry Company and the Straits State Harbor at 409 S. Huron Ave. beginning at 10:00 am with an awards ceremony at 3:00 pm. Be sure to find your spot along Central Ave. to watch the Vettes as they parade through downtown from Odawa Casino and across the "Mighty Mac" starting at 7:00 pm. The parade will be led by sponsor, Captain's Quarters II Laundromat followed by the lineup of the winning Vettes in each class.

CHARLEVOIX FREE SUMMER MOVIES AND FOOD DRIVE

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CHARLEVOIX BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, Aug. 26, 11:30am - 5:30pm at Elks Club, 12735 US 31 North.

BOYNE CITY ANNUAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND CAR SHOW

The Kiwanis Club of Boyne City is thrilled to announce its annual Labor Day Weekend Car Show, set to take place on Saturday, August 31 from 8AM to 4PM at the Boyne City Veteran's Park. Festivities will kick off Friday night with a free Drive in pre-view in the 100 and 200 blocks of Water St during Stroll The Streets from 6-9 pm.

CHARLEVOIX ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Saturday, August 31, 9am - Noon at Ferry Beach Pavilion. Perennials, herbs, shrubs and much more. Sponsored by the Charlevoix Evening Garden Club.

EAST JORDAN MASS AT HISTORICAL CHURCH

Mass at St. John Nepomucene on Sat. August 31 at 6:00 P.M. St. John Nepomucene is a Historical Catholic Church Stone Church, Halfway between Elmira and East Jordan on M-32. 4976 St. Johns Rd.

BOYNE CITY SPLASH PAD

The Splash Pad is open for the season at Peninsula Beach, 310 Front Street. Aside from normal amounts of sand from a user's feet, please do not carry sand or dirt onto the splash pad or its fountains. This can cause issues with clogging and interrupt or delay use of the splash pad.

EAST JORDAN FARMERS MARKET

The East Jordan Garden Club's Farmers Market, held each Thursday from 10AM - 2PM at the East Jordan Tourist Park is open. Fresh veggies, fruit, baked good, handmade items, fresh cut flowers and much, much more!

CHARLEVOIX LITTLE BUT MIGHTY BRIDGE WALK

Come participate in Charlevoix's annual Bridge Walk this Labor Day, September 2. Meet at Town House Bar at 12:30 pm. Bridge Walk T-shirts will be on sale at the Town House Bar the week before the event and the day of. Bridge walk begins at 1:00pm

ANTRIM COUNTY 9TH ANNUAL PADDLE ANTRIM FESTIVAL

Paddle Antrim is thrilled to host the 9th Annual Paddle Antrim Festival from September 12-14. Registration is open and closing on September 2. Participants will paddle through the picturesque communities of Ellsworth, Central Lake, Bellaire, Alden, and Elk Rapids, while enjoying three days of community events throughout the festival. For additional information on Paddle Antrim, the Chain of Lakes Water Trail, or the Paddle Antrim Festival, visit Paddle Antrim's website - www.paddleantrim.com/festival - or contact Paddle Antrim at info@paddleantrim.com or 231-498-2080.

EMMET COUNTY BLUEGRASS BY THE BAY

From September 4-7, local arts organizations Crooked Tree Arts Center, Blissfest Music Organization, Lavender Hill Farm, and Great Lakes Center for the Arts are coming together to present the second annual Bluegrass by the Bay. The 2024 lineup of bluegrass musicians and bands includes Henhouse Prowlers, Wilson Thicket, Sierra Hull, and the Del McCoury Band. For more information about Bluegrass by the Bay, visit: petoskeyarea.com/events/second-annual-bluegrass-by-the-bay

ELLSWORTH FAMILY FUN'D' FEST

Moms & Tots in Ellsworth Fall Family Fun'D' Fest. Saturday September 7, 1PM - 4PM at Good Samaritan Family Center, 9100 Pleasant Hill Rd. Come and join us for Games, Bingo, Petting Zoo, Bouncy House, Food, Photos, Live Music, Tours, Learning Garden Grand Opening, Learning Playground Grand Opening, Moms & Tots Partnership Opportunities and much more. For more information on this free event call 231-588-2200, or contact us at momsandtotscenter@gmail.com, or at our website www.thegoodsam.org.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN JOIN THE CHOIR

Join the Northern Michigan Chorale, a choir group for adults, college and high school students. No auditions required. Rehearsals are Mondays 7 - 9 PM starting Sept. 9 at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 1450 E. Mitchell Rd. in Petoskey. New members come early to register. Fall performance at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts Nov. 16 and 17. Visit nmchorale.org for more info.

CHARLEVOIX SUMMERTIME MUSIC AT THE CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Charlevoix Public Library is once again the place to be for live music in the summer! We are thrilled to announce that SummerFolk and Jazz @ The Library (JATL) continue this summer during June, July and August. Billy McAllister also returns to present Frankie and the Crooners. Concerts are outside in the Children's Garden - bring your own chair! Rain location in the Community Room. SummerFolk Concert Series: Second Monday of the Month beginning at 6:30 pm September 9: The Rhythmiskool

BAY HARBOR WOMEN CAN/ WOMEN DO

Women Can/Women Do luncheons raise essential dollars to ensure a healing path forward for women, children, and families who reach out for essential WRCNM services. Community support of these long-established events enable WRCNM to continue responding to community needs with unique and specialized programs and services that help strengthen individuals, families, and the entire community. September 11, 11am to 1:30pm. Bay Harbor Yacht Club - Lange Center. Enjoy beautifully designed tables, a gorgeous view from the terrace, an exciting auction and a magnificent multi-course lunch in support of survivors in our community.

PETOSKEY C.S. LEWIS FESTIVAL

September 13-15. Join us for an enriching cultural experience that explores the life and work of C. S. Lewis through collaborations by the arts, education, and faith communities. Events at various locations including Great Lakes Center for the Arts, McLean & Eakin Booksellers, Beards Brewery, First Presbyterian Church and Emmanuel Episcopal Church. For details online www.cslewisfestival.org

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NATIVE PLANT SALE

Charlevoix Conservation District Upcoming Native Plant Sale. Join us Saturday September 14th from 12pm-3pm for our Annual Fall Native Plant Sale. This Browse-N-Buy event is a great time to stock up on native plants for your garden! This event is first come, first serve with only the Habitat Garden Flat Kits available for Pre-Order. To get a copy of the Species List and the Habitat Flat Order Form, please visit our website (Link Below), stop in, or request a copy be sent via mail or email. Please call or stop in with any questions. Happy Planting. www.charlevoixcounty.org/.../native.../index.php

PETOSKEY ART IN THE BARN

September 21-22, 10am to 5pm at Emmet County Fairgrounds. Join us for a marvelous kickoff to spring Art & craft Shows for Art in the Barn (Fall) - Petoskey just in time for early holiday shopping The Big Barn at Emmet County Fairgrounds provides a unique opportunity to stay dry and warm while shopping from handcrafted makers, artists and dreamers. Hours are 10am to 5pm with \$5 general admission and \$10 for VIP tickets which includes VIP parking next to barn and 2 free mimosas. Free Gift for first 100 shoppers

BOYNE CITY HARVEST FESTIVAL

Happening downtown, this festival is the culminating event of the outdoor Farmers Market featuring children's games and local harvests. Fall fun and decorations abound. Saturday Sept. 28, 9AM - 3PM

WALLOON LAKE COLORS BY THE LAKE ART SHOW

Join us for the last art event at Village Green in the heart of downtown Walloon Lake. Big Art loves displaying in Walloon, painters, sculptors, mixed media art, functional art and so many other interesting creation Marvelous opportunity to get a jump start on your holiday gift shopping! Hours are 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday. September 28-29, 10am to 5pm. Free admission.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CHAMBER CASH RAFFLE

The awesome Charlevoix County Chamber Champion Cash Raffle is underway! Only 400 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. First place is \$10,000, second place is \$2,000 and third place \$1,000. Drawing to be held on November 1st. Tickets available at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce and from Board Members and at Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce & Board Members. Raffle license #R75404

EAST JORDAN MONTHLY DINNER FUNDRAISER

The American Legion, Rebec-Hosler-Sweet Post #227 (305 Main Street) hosts a monthly dinner fundraiser the 1st Saturday of the Month hosting a Monthly Dinner Fundraiser for the G.A.R. Park upgrades on the first Saturday of each month. 4:30PM - 7PM. Suggested donation: Adult - \$12, Children - \$8, Under 5 Free. Dine in or take-out available. Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7

GAYLORD MATTHEW WEST CONCERT

Join us on a musical journey for a night of faith, hope, and encouragement on November 15 for the Don't Stop Praying Tour with Matthew West at E-Free Church Gospel Center, Gaylord campus, 1649 M-32 East. Doors open at 6:15pm. Concert begins at 7pm. Amidst a world filled with challenges, Matthew West invites you to experience the power of prayer like never before. Get ready for your favorites like "Hello, My Name Is," "Truth Be Told," and "The God Who Stays" that are sure to inspire! You won't want to miss this evening where prayers become melodies, hearts are touched, and souls are encouraged. So mark your calendars and gather your friends and family for the Don't Stop Praying Tour this fall. A limited number of VIP and Early Entry tickets are available online at www.etix.com/ticket/p/39289503/?partner_id=3087.

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We love to run community announcements and news releases about all the things happening in Northern Michigan in the Charlevoix County News. We help publicize hundreds of events and activities all across our area. Readers love the fact that the Charlevoix County News is distributed by mailed subscription or at tons of locations throughout Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Ellsworth and Petoskey. However, it is expensive to publish this newspaper each week filled with tons of local news and sports. Our main source of revenue comes from advertising. If your business or organization has an advertising budget, be sure to include the Charlevoix County News in your plans. While other newspapers in the area are quickly fading, the Charlevoix County News is growing. Our newsstand prices and advertising rates are far less than any other paper and your message will reach readers all across the area. Contact us at Office@CharlevoixCountyNEWS.com or call Dave at 989-732-8160. Charlevoix County News - One of the few Locally Owned and Locally Operated newspapers in the state.

CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET

The downtown Farmers Market is held every Thursday thru October 31 on Bridge St. 8am - 1pm. 34 vendors plus music organized by Blissfest Music Organization and sponsored by Pat O'Brien & Assoc. Real Estate.

BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market now meets at the Veterans Park Pavilion every Saturday from 9AM to 12:30PM. Enjoy fresh produce, local artists and live music

EAST JORDAN FARMERS MARKET

The East Jordan Garden Club's Farmers Market, held each Thursday from 10AM - 2PM at the East Jordan Tourist Park. Fresh veggies, fruit, baked good, handmade items, fresh cut flowers and much more.

EAST JORDAN ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS

The Rotary Club of East Jordan has updated dates and times for their monthly meetings. The Rotary Club will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12:15 PM and the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:15 PM. Both meeting times and dates will be at the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed Building (FRJ). The club is always looking for new members. If you are new to the area or have always wondered how to get involved with Rotary, contact the Chamber Office and we will get you the contact information. 231-536-7351.

CHARLEVOIX FREE BREAKFAST CLUB TEAMS UP WITH COA

Collaboration Between The Free Breakfast Club & Commission On Aging has begun. Anyone can come to the Shirley Roloff Center (old Elementary School on Division), between 8-9am and get a free breakfast sponsored by Safe Haven and prepared for you by COA chefs and our volunteers. You may dine in, take out or get curbside pick-up. This will happen at the Shirley Roloff center every Tuesday and Friday for all ages at no cost.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHILD CARE PROGRAM

The MI Tri-Share Child Care Program help companies retain their employees by participating and pay 1/3 of the cost of childcare, the OCEA (Grant from the State of MI) pays 1/3, leaving the parent only to pay 1/3 of the childcare cost. We are looking for smaller businesses that want to help their employees. Right now, some of the companies participating are Treetops Resort, Albies Foods, Gaylor Insurance. We can help self-employed families by paying 1/3 of cost. They would be responsible for 2/3 of the cost. Non-Profits can participate with this program to help their employees. For more information call 989-731-7510 or email Brandy@Gaylord-Otsego.com

EAST JORDAN DEPOT TEEN CENTER

The Depot Teen Center Located in the Teen Zone at 214 Main St. Serving 6th-12th Graders throughout Northern Michigan Wednesdays & Fridays after school until 6PM. EJDepot.org. For more information call (231) 222-2224 or email: DepotJTeenCenter@gmail.com

CHARLEVOIX MONTHLY ADULT GRIEF, LOSS & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our Monthly adult grief, loss & bereavement support group, which takes place the 2nd Sunday of each month from 4-5pm at the First Baptist Church, 6781 M66 North. This program is open to anyone in our community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is no charge to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

EAST JORDAN CANCER & CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Cancer and Caregiver Support group meets at 10AM the 3rd Saturday of each month at Lighthouse Missionary Church.

Save the Date for a special dedication of the **Pete Spieles Sports Complex**

Sept. 7, 2024
Charlevoix Middle High School

Event begins at noon, following the Mud Run (see details below). Spectators welcome for all races!

Pete Spieles was an educator, mentor, and coach for Charlevoix Public Schools. As you walk through the arch, we ask that you abide by his legendary principles: Come prepared to compete, compete fairly, compete with all your heart, and be ready, win or lose, to shake the hand of a competitor.

Mud Run | Sept. 7, 2024

- 9:30 a.m. High school boys
- 10:00 a.m. High school girls
- 10:30 a.m. Middle school grades 7/8
- 11:00 a.m. Middle school grades 5/6

Awards Ceremony with Pete Spieles Sports Complex Dedication to follow.

A luncheon with Pete and Sandy Spieles will follow the facility naming ceremony, at 2 p.m. at the Peterson residence, 210 W. Hurlbut. All are welcome to enjoy BBQ pork (*prepared by 1984 cross country alum Lee Allard*) along with sides and beverages.

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FOOTBALL

Central Lake-Ellsworth hopes to keep momentum for the 2024 season

BY BOB DELONG

Last season the Central Lake-Ellsworth, (CLE), varsity football team finished their second straight 7-2 regular season and 7-3 overall after exiting in the first round of the MHSAA playoffs.

Trojan head coach Chase Hibbard, now in his fifth varsity season, hopes to continue the trend of every year being better than the last for CLE over his four previous seasons. However, losing Ski Valley Conference first team performers Drayten Evans and Garrison Barrett and their athletic skill and blinding speed will be tough to replace.

The Trojans still have some experienced players returning and mix that in with a lot of talented youthful players, expect CLE to bring an enthusiastic and prepared team on the field for each and every week.

The 2023 season saw the Trojans get off to a slow 1-2 start after losses to Ski Valley powerhouses Inland Lakes and St. Mary, but CLE was able to finish the year with six straight wins to make the playoffs before losing a St. Ignace.

This season's schedule might be even tougher for the Trojans as they begin the year at Marion, at Gaylord St. Mary and at Inland Lakes! These three teams have combined for a 101-28 record over the last four seasons and Marion and Indian River have both made it to the state championship game. The schedule certainly gets a lot easier over the last 2/3 of the year and CLE will have a chance to make the post season for the third consecutive year if they can pile up some wins and because of their strength of schedule.



Here is a snapshot of the Central Lake – Ellsworth Varsity Football team schedule for the 2024 season:

WEEK 1: @ Marion (last year the Trojans beat Brethren week one 40-22), this is the first meeting ever between these two schools

WEEK 2: @ Gaylord St. Mary (last year the Snowbirds won 38-0) St Mary leads the series 28-22

WEEK 3: @ Inland Lakes (last year the Bulldogs won 44-30) Inland Lakes leads the series 27-25-2

WEEK 4: Home Pellston (last year the Trojans won 64-8) CLE leads the all-time series 35-5-2

WEEK 5: @ Bellaire (last year the Trojans won 62-0) CLE leads the all-times series 38-26

WEEK 6: Home Onekama (last year the Trojans beat Suttons Bay this week 58-6), the Portagers lead the all-time series 3-1

WEEK 7: Home Onaway (last year the Trojans won 52-40) CLE leads the all-times series 17-9

WEEK 8: @ Cedarville (last year the Trojans won 30-20) CLE leads the all-time series 2-1

WEEK 9: Home Forest Area (last year the Trojans beat Atlanta this week 38-12), CLE leads the all-time series over the Warriors 17-0

East Jordan's Korbyn Russell commits to play baseball at MSU

BY GREG GIELCZYK

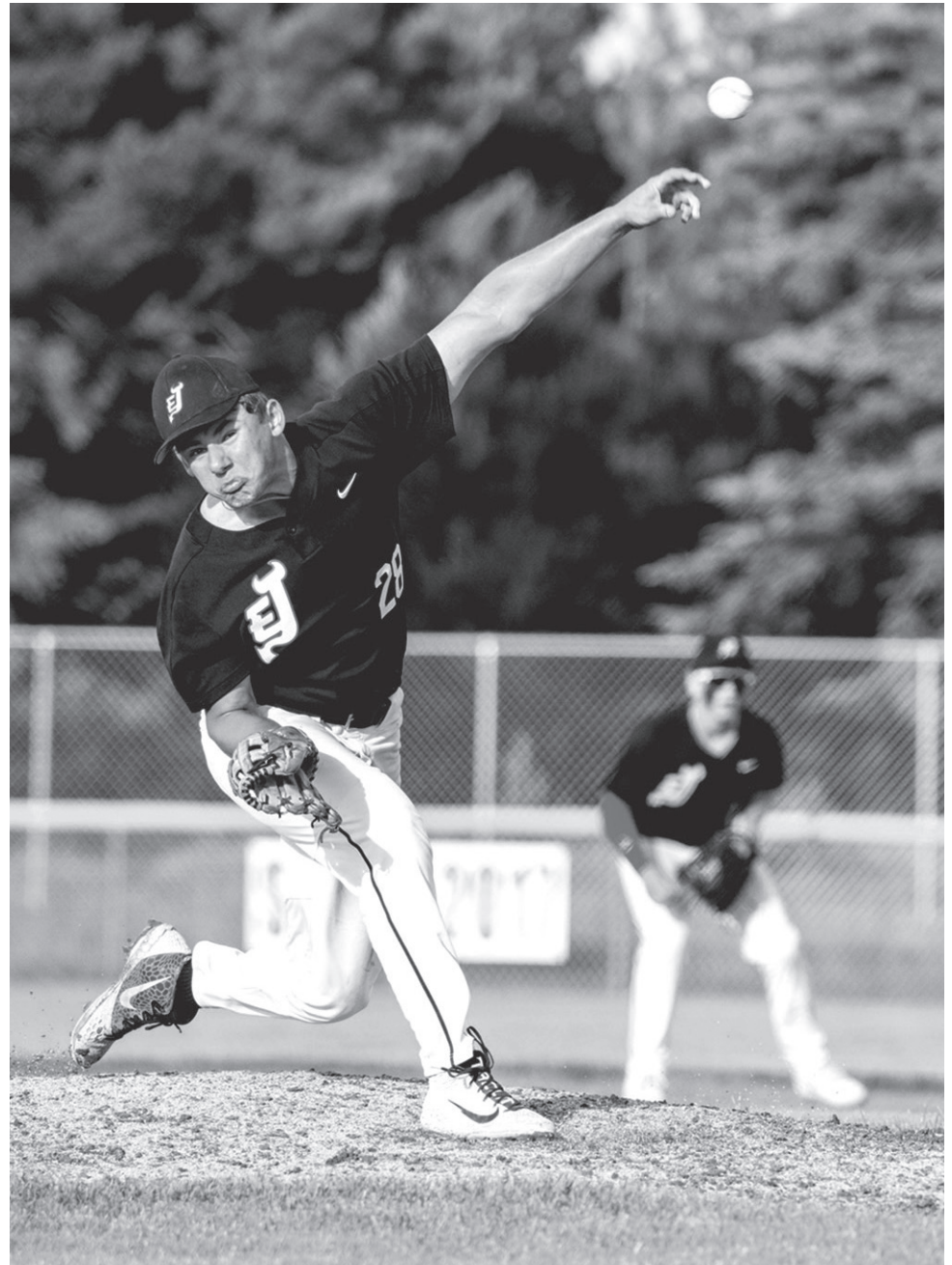
East Jordan is excited to announce that Korbyn Russell, senior at East Jordan High School, has committed to play baseball as a pitcher at Michigan State University beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

Russell will be entering his senior year at East Jordan where he is a three sport athlete, and has earned numerous honors in each of the sports he has competed in.

His football career includes multiple years of all-conference honors, as well as being named the 2023-24 Conference Offensive Player of the Year.

Basketball brought multiple years of all-conference recognition, as well as being named to the Detroit Free Press All State Team (2023-24) and was named first team All-Area Basketball by the Charlevoix County News. In addition to these mentioned awards, Russell has earned many other postseason awards in these sports.

Baseball has brought Russell numerous awards, which include being named the 2024 All-Area Baseball Player of the Year by the Charlevoix County News, second team all-state pitcher his freshman, sophomore and junior seasons; being an all-conference and all-region athlete each of his high school seasons as well, and has earned other postseason awards



Korbyn Russell fires a fast ball. Photo credit: In Motion Images

and recognition as well.

In addition to the outstanding athlete that Russell is, he is an outstanding student.

While Russell has played three sports every

year of his high school career he carries a 4.0 GPA (grade point average), is a League Scholar Athlete, is a member of teams that have earned Academic All-State Team recognition in bas-

ketball (2022-23, 2023-24), and football (2023-24).

Russell is also a leader within the school. He is an active member of SAFE, the National Honor Society, and Student Council.

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bridge if they start by 11:30 am. Walkers must be on the side of the bridge they wish to return to before 10 am.

- Walking the entire length of the bridge starting from either end. Those who choose this option must reach the midpoint before 10 am or they will be turned back. Anyone who walks the entire bridge must arrange their own transportation back to the side they started once the bridge reopens to public traffic at noon.

- Crossing the bridge, starting from either end and then turning around and walking back to the side they started from. In this option, walkers will need to cross the midpoint on

their return trip by 10 am or they will be turned back and need to find their own transportation back across the bridge after it reopens at noon.

- Double Cross - Walk the full 5 miles of the bridge and back to your starting city for a total of 10 miles! Get a certificate from both sides of the bridge and purchase a t-shirt to brag about it.

For all of the details regarding this year's Bridge Walk, please visit the Mackinac Bridge Authority website.

Parking Locations and Ferry Transportation

Looking to walk the Mackinac Bridge this Labor Day but need transportation? Shepler's can help! By purchasing

one roundtrip ticket guests can boat-hop between Mackinaw City and St. Ignace while enjoying a stop at Mackinac Island on the way! We will run our schedule as printed in our 2024 brochure, starting at 6:30 am out of Mackinaw City and St. Ignace. Shepler's roundtrip tickets are not assigned to a port at the time of purchase. Guests can depart from either mainland port, go to Mackinac Island, and return to the other mainland port on one roundtrip ticket.

\$20/\$30 Mackinaw City Ferry Guest Parking

Guests who would like to park close to the Mackinac Bridge and start their walk from Mackinaw City may park with us in Lot 3 (115 W. Central Ave.) for \$20 CASH ONLY per

passenger vehicle and \$30 CASH ONLY per truck w/trailer or RV. Shepler's guests, who are traveling with us on Labor Day (must show a valid ticket), may either park for free in Lot 1 at 311 S. Nicolet St. Mackinaw City or pay \$20/\$30 to park in Lot 3 close to the Mackinac Bridge start. Parking is limited, and no advanced reservations will be accepted. Parking will open at 4:30 am Monday, September 2, 2024.

Additional Parking Options

The Mackinaw City Lions Club will offer parking at Pinecrest Village at Mackinaw located at 450 S. Nicolet St. in Mackinaw City for \$10/vehicle beginning at 5:00 am.

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DALMAC Cyclists Ready For Annual Ride From Lansing to Mackinaw City

Over 1,000 cyclists from Michigan and across the country begin the epic annual ride Wednesday, August 28 from East Lansing ending in Mackinaw City over Labor Day weekend. The event is sponsored by the Tri-County Bicycle Association of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties.

When asked, “why do they ride?” DALMAC Director Dan Stockwell said, “The motivation for riders to tackle this amazing tour are many. Lots of riders have done it many times and just can’t stop this happy habit. Others are challenging themselves to say, “I DID IT!” Many make it a family vacation with family and friends along for the tour. Of course, there is also the promotion of bicycling in Michigan and the contribution the ride makes to the DALMAC Fund.”

A common misconception is that this is a race.



Stockwell commented, “it’s a ride not a race. We get that question a lot. Everyone is a winner on DALMAC.”

Bicyclists are powered by food and there is plenty of great stops along the way north. We love the many communities we ride through and enjoy great food and beverages. We have found the communities welcoming and ready to serve lunch, beverages and the favorite treat of riders – ice cream!

A favorite spot is East Boardman Community Bible Church. Church volunteers bake lots of pies, assemble sandwiches, and offer other treats to 600 or so riders stopping for a

taste. Church volunteers reported most riders skipped the plates and purchased whole pies and ate them directly from the pie tins with forks. The stop is also newly named the “Leonard Provencher Memorial Pie Stop.” Provencher, who passed away recently, was a long-time DALMAC rider, volunteer and enthusiastic fan of the Boardman church’s pies.

Riders taking part in the DALMAC tour will tent camp at high schools along the way, taking showers in locker rooms and eating dinner and breakfast in their cafeterias. DALMAC volunteers drive trucks filled with cyclists’ gear from one overnight stop to the next.

This is the 53rd year riders are making the trip up to the Mackinac Bridge that starts on the Wednesday before Labor Day and ends on Sunday. Four- and five-day routes leave from the Michigan State University Pavilion while others join east route riders along the way for two- and three-day stints.

Proceeds from the volunteer-run event go to the DALMAC Fund which grants money to programs that advance bicycle safety; public awareness of



On The Road. Photo by Ben Gwizdala

bicyclists’ rights on public thoroughfares; bicycling events; bicycle trails and routes across the state; instruction regarding the care and maintenance of bicycles; and social opportunities for bicyclists.

DALMAC is unique for many reasons. It is Michigan’s longest-running multi-day bike tour. It is entirely volunteer run, with proceeds going to the DALMAC Fund. DALMAC’s overnight stops are also important fundraisers for schools, helping boost sports and music programs.

THE DALMAC FACTS:

- Riders range in age from 8 – 85
- 298 first-time riders
- The remaining riders have

ridden a combined total of over 6,500 DALMACs

- 1,006 total riders heading north along the routes
- Riders from 37 states – including Hawaii, and Canada

ROUTES:

FIVE-DAY WEST

Riders will head to the western part of the state, taking in Lake Michigan views, before heading for Mackinaw City.

Wednesday, Aug. 28: East Lansing to Vestaburg (Vestaburg High School)

Thursday, Aug. 29: Vestaburg to McBain (Northern Michigan Christian School)

Friday, Aug. 30: McBain to Kalkaska (Kaliseum Community Center)

Saturday, Aug. 31: Kalkaska to Petoskey (Petoskey High School)

Sunday, Sept. 1: Petoskey to Mackinaw City

FOUR-DAY WEST

Riders cover much of the same areas

as the five-day west route but in four days rather than five.

Thursday, Aug. 29: East Lansing to Vestaburg (Vestaburg High School)

Friday, Aug. 30: Vestaburg to Lake City (Lake City High School)

Saturday, Aug. 31: Lake City to East Jordan (East Jordan High School)

Sunday, Sept. 1: East Jordan to Mackinaw City

FIVE-DAY EAST

Riders travel through the central part of the state and will add riders who have opted for three-day and two-day versions of the ride joining in Gladwin or Grayling

Wednesday, Aug. 28: East Lansing to Alma (Alma High School)

Thursday, Aug. 29: Alma to Gladwin (Gladwin High School)

Friday, Aug. 30: Gladwin to Grayling (Grayling High School)

Saturday, Aug. 31: Grayling to Indian River (Indian River High School)

Sunday, Sept. 1: Indian River to Mackinaw City



Pie Anyone? Photo by Tony Trease

THE DEWARD FOREST TRACT: A Sad Legacy

BY JACOB VANHOUTEN

The Deward Tract near Mancelona, Michigan, stands as a poignant testament to the complexities of preservation and the clash between legacy and progress. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, this region was emblematic of the broader issues surrounding lumbering practices, particularly the delicate balance between conservation and economic development. The controversy surrounding the Deward Tract stems from a deeply personal and tragic story involving David Ward’s (thus the “bastardized” Deward name for the area) vision for the land’s future, his son’s actions, and the long-term ecological consequences that have followed. David Ward was a prominent lumberman in Michigan during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He was involved in the booming lumber industry that was central to the state’s economy during that period. The Ward family played a significant role in the development of Michigan’s lumber industry during that era.

David Ward envisioned the area of land now encompassing part of Lakes of the North and south of Mancelona Road (which became known as the Deward Tract) as a living testament to sustainable forestry practices. As the lumber boom surged through Michigan in the late 1800s and early 1900s, Ward was acutely aware of the detrimental effects that unregulated logging could have on the environment.



He understood that the vast white pine forests, once abundant in the region, were rapidly diminishing under the relentless pressure of the lumber industry. In a bid to preserve a remnant of these majestic trees for future generations, Ward formulated a plan that he hoped would safeguard the remaining white pines on his tract.

Ward’s strategy was to leave a substantial number of white pines untouched (similar to Hartwick Pines near Grayling), operating under the belief that responsible lumbering practices would ensure that some trees would always be left behind. He anticipated that his plan would provide a buffer against the complete eradication of the forest, maintaining a vital ecological resource and preserving the beauty of the landscape for his son and future generations. The vision reflected an early recognition of the need for conservation in

the face of rapid industrial exploitation.

However, the subsequent actions of Ward’s son, (George) who inherited the Deward Tract after his father’s death, tell a different story. Upon taking over the management of the property, the son adopted a more aggressive approach to logging. He moved the lumber mill closer to the forest’s heart, drastically reducing the logistical challenges of transporting timber. This strategic shift allowed him to maximize efficiency and, unfortunately, to exploit the forest far more thoroughly than his father had anticipated. The decision to relocate the mill and intensify logging operations had devastating consequences. The area that David Ward had hoped to preserve was systematically depleted of its remaining white pines. The son’s actions were driven by economic incentives and a prevailing mindset that

prioritized short-term gains over long-term sustainability. As a result, the vision of preserving a portion of the forest was obliterated, leaving behind a barren landscape of sand and stumps, where once stood a thriving ecosystem.

The ecological impact of this aggressive logging approach was profound. The Deward Tract, once home to a rich array of flora and fauna along with the headwaters of the Manistee River, was left severely degraded. The white pine trees, which played a crucial role in maintaining soil integrity, providing habitat, and contributing to the overall health of the forest, were gone. Without these trees, the land faced increased erosion, disrupted water cycles, and a significant loss of biodiversity. The scars of this environmental degradation are still visible today, as the area struggles to recover from the extensive damage in-



flicted. The MDNR planted many acres of red pine in the area since that time, which are currently being lumbered off in small tracts.

Efforts to restore the Deward Tract have been ongoing, but the process of ecological recovery is slow and fraught with challenges. The land’s ability to regenerate is hindered by the loss of mature trees, changes in soil composition, and the lingering effects of past logging practices and area fires. “Normal” ecological succession has lagged due to poor soil/sand conditions. Reforestation projects and conservation initiatives have aimed to address some of these issues, but the road to recovery is long and requires continued dedication and resources.

The Deward Tract’s story highlights the broader

tensions between conservation and economic development, illustrating the difficulties of reconciling individual visions with the pressures of commercial interests. David Ward’s foresight in advocating for preservation was ahead of its time, yet the subsequent actions of his son underscore the challenges of translating conservation ideals into practice within a context dominated by immediate economic benefits. In retrospect, the Deward Tract serves as both a cautionary tale and a reminder of the enduring importance of sustainable practices. It exemplifies how personal values and environmental stewardship can clash with the realities of economic pressures and how the decisions made in such contexts can have lasting repercussions.

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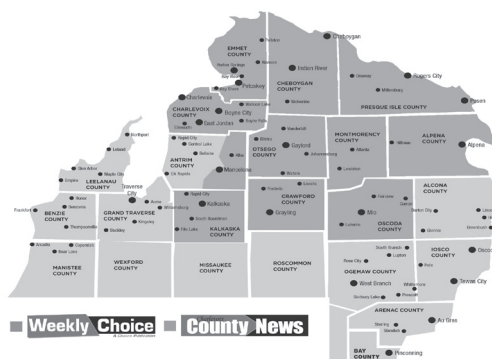
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BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is a beautifully remodeled home situated in the heart of East Jordan.

This three bedroom, two bath home has approximately just over 1,200 square feet of wonderfully appointed space on the main two levels. Interior highlights and updates include a gorgeous kitchen with stainless steel appliances, elegant flooring throughout, new fixtures and even fresh paint. The windows have been updated as well.

An open deck on the back of the home overlooks the property and is a perfect spot for entertaining friends, having a backyard barbeque and simply sitting back and relaxing.

There is a storage shed in the backyard for extra storage space. The location is just a short walk to downtown, parks and beautiful Lake Charlevoix. What a great place to call home!

This beautifully remodeled home is located at 407 Fifth Street in East Jordan and is listed at \$259,900. For more information visit



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The solution is to get the price right. This is done by using what is called a Competitive Market Analysis (CMA). If you've hired the right agent, this is the first folder out of their briefcase when you meet to list your home. A CMA breaks down the sales price of homes that are similar to yours in location, size, age and condition. Your agent will also consider the listing prices of homes on the market, but these are used more to identify the competition. Even with a strong agent and CMA, your

price may not be on target. That's because the market is always changing and your agent should be updating your CMA whenever anything comparable to your property sells.

Not every reason your home isn't selling will be the price, although they will be related to it. Here we have that value vs. price issue. If buyers perceive imperfections in your listing, they will want a discount, so if they're not buying, your price is not discounted enough for buyers to believe the value to them at least equals that of your price. For example, if your lawn is brown and the landscaping worn, buyers will want a discount. The problem is that a seller will not consider this a major issue and attach a much lower discount than a buyer will accept.

This is why it is imperative that sellers do everything they can to eliminate any issues buyers may have with their house before listing. Obviously, you can't do anything about a bad location, such as being near railroad tracks, or that you have just one bathroom. But you and your agent should have factored these drawbacks into the listing price.

More next week...



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